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SUBJ: UGTC LEADER SACKED AND JAILED

- 1. IN DECREES PUBLISHED MAY 14 AND 16, EMPEROR BOKASSA DISOLVED THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE UNION GENERALE DES TRAVAILLEURS DE CENTRAFRIQUE (UGTC, THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION), FIRED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UGTC ALSO FROM HIS POST AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF RADIO AND TELEVISION AND STRIPPED HIM OF ALL HONORS WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
- 2. THE WORD AROUND TOWN IS THAT THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE UGTC IS IN FACT IN JAIL. THE UGTC SECRETARY-GENERAL, FRED-PATRICE ZEMONIAKO (A FORMER IVP GRANTEE), REPORTEDLY GAVE A LONG SPEECH WHICH WAS CARRIED ON THE RADIO AND WHICH CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROBLEMS FACED BY WORKERS IN THE CJDWM ZEMONIAKO ALSO REPORTEDLY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN THE UGTC JOURNAL WHICH AROUSED THE EMPEROR'S IRE.
- 3. AFRO-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER REP GEORGE MARTENS ATTENDED THE UGTC CONGRESS, WHICH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED THE EVENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION MARTENS MAY HAVE ABOUT THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS WHICH COULD THROW LIGHT ON THE EMPEROR'S ACTION.

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